## Washington State Patrol Media Advisory

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**What:** On May 31, 2006, six troopers from around the state will go through special training at the State Patrol Academy to use the new Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT) vehicles, Dodge Chargers.

Date: May 31, 2006

**Location:** Washington State Patrol Academy

631 W Dayton-Airport Road

Shelton, WA 98548

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Why:** With an average of 40 citizen reports to our 911 dispatch or the WSP aggressive driving Web site a day in 2005 (14,727 reports a year), aggressive driving continues to be a problem in Washington State. These preventable individual driving behaviors and decisions made by aggressive drivers can lead to loss of life and life-threatening injuries. The WSP goal is to change these behaviors and outcomes through enforcement and education. These ADAT vehicles are one of the tools which allow us to effectively detect aggressive drivers and get them off the road.

**Photo/Interview Opportunities:** The media is invited to come and view the vehicles and interview the lead driving instructor at the WSP Academy.

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